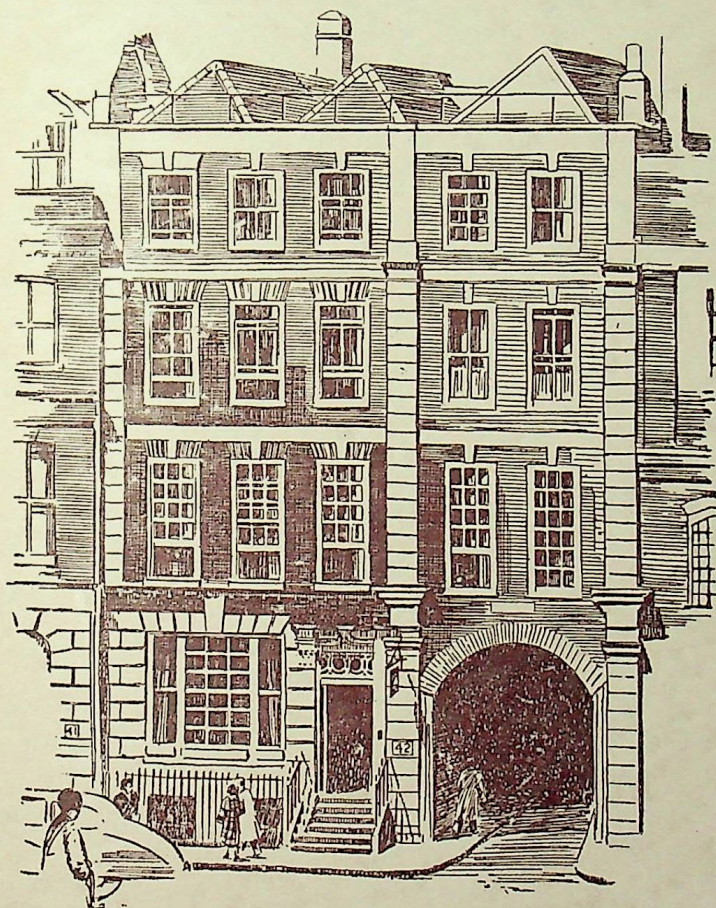


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THIS issue, despite its more than usually modest appearance, is notable, for it marks the end of an epoch; with the next, the Log steps out and joins the ranks of the Professionals.

It is a bold move, perhaps, but hardly a rash one, after nearly thirty years' vicissitudes as a love child. That it will in one sense remain a love child, there is of course, no doubt, for its future Editor, Miss Barbara Vise, will certainly grow as devoted to it as any of her predecessors; she will also undoubtedly bestow on it that little extra something—the magic of the professional touch—which we all hope will be reflected in its rising popularity, prestige and sales. We take this opportunity of wishing Miss Vise and the Log a long and mutually happy association.

Next, we are sure that readers would like to see recorded their gratitude to our retiring General Secretary, Mrs. Twinch. How much she has given to us in her ten years of strenuous labour in that office, we all know; how great a strain her exacting duties have laid upon her, we can only guess; but all our members will want her to know the depth of our appreciation and affection, and the sincerity with which we wish her happiness in her future work.

And now, as we cast about for the last time for some editorial comment with which to take our leave, it is with peculiar pleasure that we find it offered us on page 72, and, as it were, go out by the same door whereat we came in. Indeed, the theme is expressed at least three times in this issue and is, in our opinion, central for the future of our movement. It is a paradox which holds the secret of vitality both for the individual and for associations such as ours; it is a spiritual law which we ignore to our complete stultification, or observe to our blessed fulfilment. We know it well . . . 'Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die . . .'

. . . 'It is a hard way', says Florence Allshorn, 'but everyone who has known this "Losing your life to find it" tells how, as the mind and desire go the way of self-naughting . . . you do know that you are living in a new and fresh world; that at the root of you, instead of the old unease . . . there is a content, happy shining whatever comes, a great and smiling content.' There is a content, happy shining for Toc H too, when it loses itself in devotion to the cause for which it was born.

D.L.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL 1954

THIS year's Council was distinguished by two things. Firstly, we had the pleasure of welcoming home Miss Macfie, our Founder Pilot, after her visit to the Branches overseas; and secondly, Mrs. Twinch announced her impending retirement at the 31st August, after ten years' service to the Movement as General Secretary. The Council showed their appreciation and thanks to her in the traditional way, and we rejoice that retirement from the staff will not mean that she is lost to the Movement, but that in many other ways we shall still have the benefit of her experience and counsel.

After 'Light' and Prayers, taken by Miss Macfie, the usual formalities followed. Mrs. Palmer was elected Chairman, and messages of greetings were received from all over the world.

A message of loyal and affectionate greeting to our Patron, Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, was approved, and later in the proceedings we were honoured and delighted to receive a gracious reply.

Mrs. Twinch presented the Annual Report, and drew attention to certain items. The memorandum on the relation of Toc H and the Churches, circulated after the last Council Meeting, had stirred up both interest and controversy. This was to be expected, but at least it is good to know that the document was not consigned to the W.P.B. without further ado.

Our first venture at producing a Syllabus had met with success, for 3,000 copies of the 'Christian Family' had been sold. Apart from one Region, where it had not "taken", reports showed that the Syllabus had been discussed and widely used by Branches.

The net gain in membership was small, and there were too many 'lapsed' members, who, it seemed, had just been allowed to drift away. It was almost necessary to start a 'Bureau of Missing Members'.

Two new members had been appointed to the staff during the year. One of them, Celia Powell, was to undertake work with young people, and the training of leaders. A staff superannuation scheme had been adopted.

The announcement was made that Miss Barbara Vise, a freelance journalist, was to act as Editor of THE LOG for an experimental period of one year. The Council later recorded its thanks to Miss Dorothy Lemon, the retiring Editor.

Miss Anita James, a member of the Central Executive Committee, seconded the adoption of the Report, and stressed the immense scope of the work of the Central Executive Committee and its Sub-Committees. In particular, she mentioned the new Policy and Planning Committee, which had been set up to assist in relating the Movement to the changed conditions of life, and

to explore new methods through which our pledges might be fulfilled.

In the discussion which followed, certain Councillors urged that new members of staff should be drawn from the membership. The General Secretary pointed out that the majority of members of the present staff had been so chosen, and that that source of recruitment was never forgotten. A warm tribute was paid to the work of the Regional Staff, and especially for the way in which they had shouldered an increasing burden of work during the past year.

After the adoption of the Annual Report, the Council turned its attention to the Annual Accounts. The Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Horne, supported by Miss Kathleen Owen, presented these. Mrs. Horne thanked the membership for their Special Efforts, but pointed out that 170 branches had failed to respond in this way.

In presenting the Budget for the forthcoming year, which allowed for an estimated deficit of £742, Miss Owen said that if those branches who had failed to respond could be persuaded to send in a special effort of £5 each, or if each member would contribute the sum of 2/- during Self-Denial Week (the first week in May) that estimated deficit would be wiped out.

The Central Executive Committee recommended that the fund held on behalf of Felling-on-Tyne, amounting to £952 5s. 6d., should be handed over to the Tyneside Council of Social Service, to be used for social work in Felling-on-Tyne.

After questions, the Accounts and the recommendation of the Central Executive Committee regarding the Felling-on-Tyne Fund, were adopted.

The Council recorded its thanks to Miss Adams, the Accountant, and to Miss Edwards, the Hon. Auditor, who after carrying out the audit for the past ten years, had found it necessary, through pressure of work, to resign her appointment.

In confirming the appointments of Mrs. Horne as Hon. Treasurer, and Miss Turner as Chaplain, the Council expressed its thanks to them for their work during the past year.

The Council then proceeded to consider Motions put forward by the Central Executive Committee and Councillors. With an outsize pair of scissors the Council cut through the red tape of rules and regulations. The first four Motions all related to amendment of the Bye-Laws, and the first three were carried. These were:

1. That Bye-Law I (d) be amended to read: *All Candidates to this Association shall serve a probationary period. Each Candidate shall be approved by the Central Executive Committee of a Branch of the Association or (if the Central Executive Committee shall so direct) by District or Area Committees.*

The effect of this is to remove the stipulation that a probationary

period of at least twelve months shall be served, and leaves the length of the probationary period to be decided according to the way in which the prospective member assimilates the Toc H way of life.

2. That Bye-Law I (b) be amended to read: *Full membership shall be open to women from 16 years of age upwards.*

This has the effect of lowering the age of entry by one year, and if, as was the hope of the proposers, this results in increased recruitment of younger members, the Movement will have cause to be grateful to the East Devon and North and South Leicester Councillors for bringing this matter forward.

3. That Bye-Law IV (b) be amended to read: *Every Area Council shall elect annually an Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer and shall appoint such other officers as may be required.*

This removes the proviso that confirmation of these appointments shall be in the hands of the Central Executive Committee, and in future Area Councils will be solely responsible for the appointments they make.

That Bye-Law III (b) be amended to read: *Branch office-bearers may remain in office for a period of three consecutive years and this term may be extended at the request of the Branch and with permission of the District Team,* was lost.

The Motion: *That the term 'General Member' be abolished,* was debated at length, and resulted in an amendment: *That the whole question of General Membership be referred to the Central Executive Committee,* being carried.

The Motion: *That to avoid complacency in Toc H Women's Association Branches a periodic review be instituted and carried out to ensure that they are worthy to remain as Branches (a reversion to an old practice) was lost.*

The Motion: *That representatives of Toc H Women's Association on Councils and Committees of other organisations should be allowed to vote,* was by leave withdrawn, after the explanation had been given that representatives were not precluded from voting as individuals on matters affecting welfare and on those with special application to the locality, but that votes on controversial matters which might have the effect of pledging the Movement as a whole to a certain point of view should not be cast.

The Motion proposed by the West of Scotland Councillor: *That Scotland should always be represented on the Central Executive Committee either by election or co-option,* raised again the thorny question of Regional Representation. After much discussion, an amendment: *That the whole question of the method of election to the Central Executive Committee be examined* was carried.

The Motion: *That unless 75 per cent. of the voters present exercise their right, no resolution shall be deemed to be passed at the Central Council*, was ably put by the West Herts. District Councillor, and, after much discussion and explanation, carried.

The last Motion on the Agenda paper: *That the Branch year terminate on the 31st March and not on the 31st May, as at present*, was lost. During the discussion it was pointed out that Branches were at liberty to hold their Annual General Meeting at any time they desired.

It was unfortunate that the time factor prevented the Council from discussing matters regarding Juvenile Delinquency, suggestions for Festivals, and the giving of a name to unrecognised branches. The speakers to the latter two subjects are to send in their suggestions to the Central Executive Committee for consideration. So far as the first subject is concerned, the Chairman announced that it was proposed to publish a new Syllabus on Juvenile Delinquency, and the Havering Liberty District Councillor, who was to have introduced this subject, had kindly agreed to make the information she had obtained available to those who were engaged on producing the Syllabus.

The usual excitement attended the announcement of the result of elections to the Central Executive Committee. The successful candidates were:

Mrs. Bloxham, Mrs. Davidson, Miss Dunbar, Mrs. Harrison, Miss Keeling, Miss O'Kell, and Mrs. Sawbridge.

The final session of the Council was devoted to Overseas matters, with Miss Elsie Potter in the Chair. Miss Macfie gave a stirring account of her visit to the Branches overseas. To try to compress the impressions of a fifteen months' journey into just over an hour, was an impossible task. We lingered in New Zealand and Australia, and heard about such ventures as the Bush Children's Health Scheme, and with incredible speed made our way through South Africa, leaving its vast problems untouched upon, but pausing at Botha's Hill and Westfoort Leper Colony, and then on to Kampala, Nairobi and Malta.

Mac said that to arrive in Malta from Africa was to feel relief from a sense of strain. How difficult it must be for those who live in that unhappy Continent. Despite the isolation, real isolation, of the Branches abroad, there was a keenness which we should take note of. We had to think of the world and its problems, and consider whether we were in fact giving a lead in this country, and if not, what we were going to do about it.

Mrs. Worth, the Overseas Secretary, followed with a talk on the work of the Overseas Department, stressing the world-wide nature of the Movement. She spoke of the work amongst Commonwealth Students in this country, and especially amongst nurses, and asked Branches to effect liaison with their local hos-

pitals where student nurses from the Commonwealth may be in training. She asked that members should treat the presence of such strangers in their midst not as a problem but as an opportunity.

The Council ended with a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman, after which Home-going prayers were taken by Miss Turner.

It is difficult to assess the worth of the Council meeting. We were this year, apart from the last session, mainly concerned with domestic affairs. If, as we felt, we cut through a certain amount of red tape, let us hope that the more we throw off the restrictions we have made for ourselves, so much the more shall we release our Movement for its real work of studying world-wide problems (to some of which we were introduced in the last session) and so make Toc H a more effective instrument in our hands for the expression of Christian Fellowship and Service, both at home and abroad.

MARY RUSHWORTH.

The Central Council received the following messages from overseas:—

AUSTRALIA: Greetings and good wishes for a happy and successful Central Council, 27th/28th March.

BERMUDA: Greetings and good wishes from Bermuda. Toc H is a great inspiration to those who are some thousands of miles distant from Crutched Friars. Its value is perhaps best realised when members, lacking the personal contact, must depend entirely upon the strength of mental and spiritual contact. That this is a very real power testifies to the intrinsic integrity of the Movement.

CANADA: The Officers and Members of the Eastern Canada Region send you greetings on the occasion of your Twenty-Eighth Annual Meeting of the Central Council of Toc H Women's Association, and trust the reports received will show stimulus, and the plans for the future will maintain strength and hope for a progressive era. Wishing you a most successful meeting and thinking of you.

NEW ZEALAND: Please convey to the Councillors at the Central Council Meeting, greetings from members in New Zealand, and our very best wishes for a happy and successful gathering.

PARIS: Please give our best wishes to the Central Councillors when they meet on March 27th, and tell them that we keep the flag flying here in Paris.

SOUTH AFRICA: The South African Executive wishes a message of greetings and good wishes conveyed to the Central Council. They sincerely hope that it will be a time of inspiration and fellowship for all.

Greetings and best wishes from Durban Central Branch, also from the Transvaal General Members' Branch.

“ Florence Allshorn and the Story of St. Julian's ”

By J. H. OLDHAM

S.C.M. Press, 12s. 6d.

OCCASIONALLY, when we read the life of some man or woman, we put down the book with a sigh, thinking, 'If only I could have met him—or her'. This was what I felt when I had finished reading Dr. J. H. Oldham's biography of Florence Allshorn. It is an absorbing book, of the sort one would wish to buy rather than to borrow. Unfortunately, few of us these days can afford to buy the books we want to read, but this is no reason for not reading them—always remember the infinite resources of your Lending Library.

Florence Allshorn went to Uganda as a missionary at the age of 32. She was to find in the work there a time of great physical and mental strain. There were many problems—the loneliness, the disheartening work, and a difficult senior colleague with whom to work. She was brought very near to despair, and then one evening, as she sat weeping on the verandah, an old African matron came to her and said: 'I have been on this station for fifteen years, and I have seen you come out, all of you saying you have brought to us a Saviour, but I have never seen this situation saved yet.'

Recounting this story, Florence Allshorn wrote: 'It brought me to my senses with a bang. I was the problem for myself. I knew enough of Jesus Christ to know that the enemy was the one to be loved before you could call yourself a follower of Jesus Christ, and I prayed, in great ignorance as to what it was, that this same love might be in me, and I prayed as I have never prayed in my life for that one thing. Slowly things rightened . . .'

Her experience in Uganda was to have a profound effect on her way of life and thought. When she returned to England, after four years, it was discovered that she had developed tuberculosis, and she was told by a specialist that she might not live for more than two years. She was in touch with the Rev. John Maillard, and was helped by him through his belief in the power of faith to heal sickness.

Gradually, she became convinced that she would regain her health, and after a winter in Switzerland and a year's rest, she was able to resume her work. She was asked to act as warden of

a training college for women missionaries, and then, six years later, when two missionary training colleges were amalgamated, she was appointed principal of the combined institution. In spite of her earlier ill-health, she was able to sustain a heavy programme of exacting work. She was a woman of deep spiritual insight, with an absolute love for people and a great desire to help her students to attain the fullest spiritual maturity of which they were capable. There was nothing dreary about her religion rather was it the source of her joy and gladness and delight in life. She knew how pitifully inadequate was the Christian experience of many men and women, and she saw the need above all for a real single-minded desire to love God and to express that love in personal relationships.

After 12 years spent in training missionaries, Florence Allshorn began to dream of a centre to which missionaries could come for a second period of learning and thinking after their first year's work. This was the origin of St. Julian's, a community centre started by her and a few friends. It was an exciting adventure in the Christian way of life. Florence Allshorn herself tells the story of St. Julian's, though she was to die before it was completed. She and her friends set before themselves as their aim to learn the meaning of the two great commandments.

Just how difficult it was to be, none of them at first realised, but gradually they perceived that they were finding their way to a new realm of life.

In an address that she gave shortly before her death, she spoke these words:

'It is a hard way, but everyone who has known this "losing your life to find it" tells us how, as the mind and desire go the way of self-naughting more simply and readily with practice, you do know that you are living in a new and fresh world; that at the root of you, instead of the old unease, the old feeling of guilt, the lovelessness, there is a content, happy shining whatever comes, a great and smiling content.

'If God is love, and we were made to love as the stars were made to shine, then every creature is desirous of finding this disinterested love. This love is not meant to die. It is the fire and energy of the Spirit. We wonder why we grow discouraged and flat, why there is so little spiritual force in us, why life seems dry. If only we could get away from self into something outside ourselves, greater than ourselves, then our spirits would kindle love and burn with ever renewing life. We should discover that we were alive and happy in a new way because we had found our true nature and were poised from a steady centre. We should have found eternal life. God's own way to love.'

Truly, we have much to learn from this book.

JEAN EDWARDS.

The Retirement of the General Secretary

ALL members of the Movement will be sorry to hear the news of Mrs. Twinch's impending retirement. Mrs. Twinch has asked the Central Executive Committee to release her at the end of August, as she feels that after ten years of service as General Secretary, the Movement needs someone fresh at the helm. Moreover, owing to the development of the work during the last ten years, the office of General Secretary makes increasing demands on time and energy such as can best be met by a younger woman. The Central Executive Committee have therefore reluctantly agreed to Mrs. Twinch's request.

Holidays !

EASTBOURNE Toc H and Women's Association invite you to spend a holiday at their H.Q., that is if you want a cheap holiday, and do not mind a spot of a picnic.

They can offer you a basement room, with 'Put-you-up' blankets, pillows, a table and chairs, cups and saucers, pans and dishes, with full-size gas stove; so bring your Sunday joint with you.

Eastbourne is a glorious town—'The Sun-Trap of the South'—and is well worth a visit, to say nothing of the two Branches. Unfortunately, we can only take a married couple, or two ladies, or a single.

Our terms, including light, heat and gas, 25/- per week, no extras! Early morning tea if you get it yourself; and as you will be getting your own food, you can have what you like.

Early booking is wise; please write to "Holidays" Secretary, Mrs. A. Standidge, 268 Victoria Drive, Eastbourne, Sussex.

TO all members a welcome awaits if coming on holiday to Scotland. As Branch meetings are irregular in the summer months, you are invited to get in touch with one of the undermentioned Secretaries if near enough for you to meet some of the members.

Aberdeen.—Mrs. Bruce, 31 Roslin Street.

Bonnybridge.—Miss Helen Skinner, 71 Gateside Avenue.

Cumbernauld.—Mrs. Watson, 4 Main Street.

Dundee.—Mrs. Duthie, 44 Carlogie Road, Carnoustie, Angus.

Dunfermline.—Mrs. Venner, 3 Strathmore Drive.

Edinburgh.—Mrs. Mannock, 6 Rosebank Road;

Miss Molly Weir, 24 Loyston Mains Crescent.

Glasgow.—Miss C. Ramsay, 17 Whittliemuir Avenue, S.4.

Miss W. F. M. Read, 172 Hyndland Road, W.2.

Nairn.—Mrs. J. Stewart, 1 Barrogill Terr., Acre Street.

Paisley.—Miss I. Arrol, 15 Drums Avenue, Craigielea.

Whistful Thinking at Mabsnorton

AREN'T Whist Drives fun? Not, of course, if you expect to win anything or find a partner who shares your views on conventional play.

But at Mabsnorton we do enjoy ourselves—it allowed to play our own cosy variety of the game. This differs in several aspects from the accepted brand. Our regular players knows this and come prepared. But it happened that a member was once ill-advised enough to mention our next session at somebody else's whist drive, with the catastrophic result that we had seven or eight regular enthusiasts come along.

All were female and of much the same build and age, with the same broad, flat features that grew steadily more appoplectic as the evening progressed. Gone were our gay carefree rounds full of chatter and noisy banter. One poor man was seen to have to deal three times before he gave fair shares to all and then he turned a card of his partner's face upwards. It was the ace of trumps; but that Gorgon simply flipped it over grimly, and the game continued.

One of our formidable visitors learnt there was to be a booby prize, and after a glance at her score, settled down steadily to win it. And win it she did. It was a great consolation to see her face when she unwrapped her prize—a pair of 'L' plates.

After this, we kept the date of our drives a secret, only spreading the information among trusted friends. Once the Committee went a little too far in this matter of secrecy, or perhaps they simply forgot to tell the rest of us. You can guess what happened.

There were refreshments for seventy-two, four prizes and eight players.

Even among friends there are experts who optimistically try to improve our standard of play and procedure. There was one otherwise charming person who spent a whole evening telling each table she visited that 'Losing Ladies cut for Winning Gents', or something equally complicated and unnecessary. During the evening it was found that at the end of a round, one table had not played a single card, and were still deep in argument as to the merits of the local football team; it then began to dawn on her that this was a whist drive with a difference.

We regularly invite our local deaf and dumb friends to join us, and this again is hardly conducive to a really serious game. Not that they don't play well. Far from it. They usually win most of the prizes. Still, there does seem to be a lot of hand-waving and finger-twiddling that at times raises unworthy suspicions. Some of us spent long hours learning the deaf and dumb alphabet, only to find we still could not intercept any messages, as the alphabet must have been a different sort from that used locally.

GEE.

On Making Money

EVER tried it? We did—once! It came about like this. Nothing had been done in our village for the Westminster Abbey Appeal, so we thought it was time *we* did something. We approached the local council and the police, and obtained the use of the Market Place for this effort—A Mile of Pennies.

The day we chose turned out to be bitterly cold, with a biting East wind, but, thank goodness, it didn't rain. We made some posters to place around the square. These lasted for some little time until the wind tore them to pieces.

I forgot to mention that the Men's Section said they would help us—after dinner, as they were working during the morning (women don't have any work during the mornings). However, two members were on duty at 8.30 a.m., and it was arranged that we should be relieved hourly. Our first relief arrived just before 9.30 a.m. and said, 'Goodness, you do look cold, I'm going to make you some coffee'; so off she turned, back, to make coffee. The other relief turned up a few minutes later, and said she could manage on her own whilst we went up to the house for coffee. This we did, and I must say it was very welcome. Whilst we were away, one of our members, who has a family of small children, said she couldn't take duty but would see that we were kept warm; and so, at hourly intervals, down she came with—what do you think?—flasks of tea and buns or biscuits.

A lady in one of the shops in the market-place came out with four sacks. 'Stand on these, ducks, it will keep your feet much warmer.' Next effort was the Curate. He said his wife had been down with her contribution and said, 'Those poor ladies on the Square look absolutely frozen; take them this coffee and biscuits.' So, down he came, with a good supply. All this happened before 10.30 a.m.

Now something about the money. There is a low wall round our market-place, about a foot wide, so we decided to place the pennies all round the walls. It wasn't coming in very fast. Children were the best contributors, but we had about 18/- by 10 a.m. One elderly man said, 'What is this Westminster Abbey? I've never 'card of it, but I suppose it's a good cause—'ere's thruppence'. During the morning, the business people realised there was something afoot, and came along with their half-crowns.

At about 1.30 p.m., up rolled three men. They decided we wanted more advertisement; so one of them promptly went to the local schoolmaster and purloined two blackboards, upon which to scrawl, whilst another bought three-pennyworth of coloured chalk from the local stationers, and wrote all over the pavement. As soon as he had done this, up came the local police sergeant. 'We've written on the pavement; can we? Will it be

all right?' asked the Loc H Member, a little bashfully. 'Yes, said the Sergeant, 'it has nothing to do with the police unless you have written anything obscene': so we got out of that one.

During the morning, a lady came to us, saying, 'If you want the toilet, you can use mine, it's the first door on the right, up the yard. Tell the men they can use it when you're not there.'

Don't forget that all this time, flasks of tea and coffee, plus biscuits, cake and buns, were coming along at regular intervals.

We were very pleased to find that the local council, having already erected the Christmas Tree, had agreed to have it illuminated earlier than was intended, so that we could have the benefit of the added attraction. Several people came to see the tree lit up, and we got quite a lot of pennies from them.

We decided to call it a day at 4.30 p.m., and were very pleased to be able to send £8 12s. 6d. to the Dean of Westminster. We thoroughly enjoyed the day, although it was cold, and we realised that there are still a lot of kind and considerate people, who will do a good turn when they can, in all walks of life, and without thought of recompense.

M.D

WE WILL REMEMBER



EDITH ANDREWS, <i>Crewkerne</i> (1953):	March, 1954
BEATRICE BROUGHTON, <i>Llandudno</i> (1947):	January, 1954
ANNIE CLAYTON, <i>Accrington</i> (1926):	August, 1953
DAISY FISHER, <i>Aylesbury</i> (1935):	January, 1954
DORIS HEARD, <i>Dartmouth</i> (1952):	February, 1954
J. HOLMES, <i>Streatham</i> (1931):	February, 1954
ELIZABETH HORSBURGH, <i>R.H.H.I.</i> (1953):	April, 1954
M. M. JONES, Builder attached to <i>Corsham</i> (1952):	February, 1954
ELIZA PADDICK, <i>Cheltenham</i> (1930):	January, 1954
ELSIE REYNOLDS, <i>Southampton</i> (1946):	1953
ELIZABETH ROGERSON, <i>Ashington</i> (1944):	February, 1954
BELLA SHUCKSMITH, <i>Barton-on-Humber</i> (1940):	January, 1954
SOPHIA SMITH, <i>Southend</i> (1952):	February, 1954
C. H. STOCK, <i>Saffron Walden</i> (1942):	January, 1954
MRS. WATSON, <i>Redcar</i> (1944):	March, 1954

Mrs Smuts : An Appreciation

THOUGH much of this 'appreciation' must, of necessity, be a personal one, I know only too well that anything I write of Mrs. Smuts will be echoed by all those who came in contact with her during the war years, and by many others who, while they had not the opportunity of meeting her personally, recognised with gratitude, the interest she took in the war work, and the lead she gave us, first as Chairman, and later as President, of 'Toc H Women's Association in South Africa.

Although her 'Gifts and Comforts Fund' was her main interest and responsibility, she very quickly realised that the war work undertaken by us in South Africa was another important part of welfare work for women serving in the Forces. She constantly expressed her gratitude for what we were doing for her 'boys and girls', thus conveying her attitude to the men and women in the Services. To her they were part of one great family—just an extension of the closer family circle at Irene.

Her enthusiasm and interest over any undertaking for which we needed her special backing, were wonderfully encouraging, and I call to mind, particularly, a visit with her to Defence H.Q. in 1941, to beg concessions for one of our Clubs. She just swept away the obstacles put up by important military personages, much to my delight and amusement. On another occasion, she came with a few of us to investigate a vast empty building, and sitting on the only chair to be found, helped us to plan our section of it into Ellison House, Cape Town.

Mrs. Smuts' simple, direct approach to everything, concealed a keen intellect and a profound mind—and she was a shrewd judge of character. As a young woman, it had taken her some years to forgive and forget the bitterness of the Boer War (she lost a child in a British concentration camp), but having overcome this, she worked—and lived—for true 'Union' in South Africa. As the wife of the greatest man of his time, she preferred the homely role of housewife or farmer's wife, but to visit her at Irene, or at Groote Schuur, the lovely house on the slopes of Table Mountain, built by Cecil Rhodes for the Prime Ministers of South Africa, was a privilege as well as a pleasure, and on leaving her one knew that one had been with a very great lady.

E.C.P.

Round About the Family

AT HOME

BRIDPORT: In response to Tubby's broadcast appeal, the Toc H men and women of Bridport attended a Special Service at the Church of the Toc H padre, at which a collection was taken for the Fund.



THE BIG MOMENT AT BOSTON

COMING-OF AGE. We congratulate Boston and Rochdale Branches, both of whom have sent accounts of their twenty-first birthday celebrations, which we regret that there is no room to reproduce in full. The accompanying photograph shows the crucial moment at Boston. Rochdale had the presence of the Mayoress at their Service of Re-dedication, and the Archdeacon of Rochdale preached a most inspiring address. A great many people were present at the Family Gathering which followed, and the programme included a talk by Mrs. Twinch.

GREENFORD This Branch just missed the March Log, with an account of a Christmas Party which they held, in conjunction with the Toc H men, for the boys of Alexandra House, Ealing, a home for motherless boys. A festive tea, games, a cinematograph show, staged by the brother of a member, and a parting gift of some sweets, an orange and a balloon, made it a very happy occasion for the youngsters.

LUTON: Feeling that they were not doing quite enough jobs, this Branch decided to wash up for a party given to three hundred deaf and dumb people. Three hundred cups, saucers, plates, fruit

dishes, and six hundred spoons for tea, and the same again for supper. It makes our hands feel chapped to think of it!

NORTH AND EAST MIDLANDS REGION: Congratulations and best wishes to the new Branches starting at Wollaston (Northants.), Abingdon (Berks.), and Summertown (Oxford).

Workshop took a Darby and Joan Club, three hundred strong, to a pantomime, and afterwards to tea. From the bulletin circulated by the Secretary of this Region, we reproduce the following paragraph:

SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND.—Most Branches have by now heard of the urgent request for old sheets, towels, etc., to be cut into 18 in. squares, hemmed round the edges, and sent to the 'Carinthian Infant Appeal', 20 Gordon Square, London, W.C.1. for use as nappies. To those who have not yet been asked for this practical help—it is because a member of the Council of the Save the Children Fund has recently returned from that part of Austria, having herself seen such poverty, that mothers were reduced to using newspapers and rags for their babies. We can at least help to supply the 30,000 nappies which are desperately needed.

SUDBURY: About this time last year, Sudbury held a 'Bluebell Party' for children at the home of one of their members. Picking the bluebells seems, from the photograph, to have been thirsty work.



THIRSTY WORK AT SUDBURY

OVERSEAS

NATAL held a Rally at Dundee in February, their first Rally since the new District was formed. Members came from Durban, Pietermaritzburg, Mooi River, Estcourt, Newcastle and Johannesburg. This meant a drive of more than 200 miles each way for some people. Talks were given on 'An Afrikaner looks at Toc H', 'Do we use Service in Toc H as a form of Escape?' and 'The Christian basis of Toc H as expressed in Service'. There was some light entertainment, too, and a very lovely play-reading of 'The Snow Goose'. The report adds that the Service on the Sunday morning was the highlight of the whole week-end, as was the address by Padre Colledge. The week-end finished with a District Team Meeting, the first representative team they have been able to hold. Well done, Natal—we hope to hear of more ventures of this kind.

CANAL ZONE: A member, Mrs. Christine Harrold, who originally joined the Catterick Camp Branch, is running a Guide Company, although she has not previously been a Guide. She says: 'We are only a small company, and of course our numbers vary, but we are very keen. Last summer, two of the Guides flew to Cyprus to camp, and there they met Guides from Greece, Cyprus, Turkey and Malta, as well as Armenian Guides. There are, of course, lots of guiding activities we miss here in Tek, as it is in the desert; we haven't many trees, and so don't get a lot of stalking and nature work. We meet once a week at present, in the evenings, but shortly, when it gets hot, we try to meet early in the morning, when it is a bit cooler.'

NEW ZEALAND: We are glad to report that none of our members suffered direct loss through the tragic railway accident there at Christmas, but they have received, gratefully, our sympathy on the national disaster.

SOUTH AFRICA: We are glad to welcome to this country, MRS. EDITH MALCOLM, who is our Headquarters Secretary in Johannesburg, South Africa. Mrs. Malcolm is here on a short holiday, during which she hopes to visit Poperinghe and to meet some Toc H people. It is her first visit to England.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Members ran a camp, for the third year in succession, for children from broken homes or poorer class ones, where the income is not sufficient to stretch to holidays. This year, five children from one of the camps for migrants, were included. Members from Adelaide took the children out to Victor Harbour for the camp, and the Branch there and friends of members, did a great deal to help. Members running the camp took their own children too, in some cases, as otherwise they could not have undertaken it. Most days are spent on the beach.

News and Notes

AS announced elsewhere in this issue of the Log, Mrs. Twinch's retirement as General Secretary takes place at the end of August.

Naturally, we are anxious to find a successor from among the membership of the Movement if this is possible. We ask all branches to give this serious consideration and to make our need known.

Applicants should be active members of a Christian Church, under 40 years old, and should have had secretarial training and experience. Administrative experience, particularly of Committee work is essential. Some week-end and evening work is required of her, and some speaking at meetings. There is a superannuation scheme. It should be borne in mind that this work is vocational, and the person appointed must have Toc H at heart.

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PRICE REDUCTIONS.—The map of Tower Hill has been reduced from 5/- to 2/6 a copy. Besides making a delightful picture for hanging on a wall, these beautiful maps, when framed, can be used as trays. They also look well if slipped under the plate-glass tops of tables or tea trolleys.

The 'Family in the Community' is now on sale at 1/6 a copy, well bound, in stiff board covers.

Correspondence

ALL OR NOTHING?

Dear Editor,

I am in entire agreement with your correspondent, O. M. Taylor, when she says that through belonging to other organisations we become live members of Toc H. The idea that Toc H members ought to give up their interests to devote themselves to 'Toc H jobs' seems to me absurd.

It may even be that sometimes we best serve Toc H by ceasing to be active members. Towards the end of the war, I gave up my job with Toc H to work for an international relief organisation. As a pacifist, I felt at that time, that this would be the best channel through which I could work. It was *because* of what I had learnt in Toc H that I felt I ought to do this.

Membership of Toc H ought to challenge us to give our support to many different organisations, which may be seeking the same ends as ourselves, but which are travelling along a different road. In particular, we ought to feel called on to work with those who do not call themselves Christians. We have much to learn from them; it is even possible that they may learn from us something of the Christian way of life.

Yours sincerely,

JEAN EDWARDS.

DAY-TIME MEETINGS

Dear Editor,

I was very interested to read E.A.W.'s letter *re* Day-time Meetings, as we have recently started a lunch-time group in Westminster. The meetings are held once a month, and the programme includes speakers on Toc H and world topics and some discussions.

The original intention was to try and interest newcomers, and members are encouraged to bring along friends and colleagues—we have, in fact, several non-members attending. It has since been realised that a lunch-time meeting can also fill a much-needed want for those members who are unable to attend evening meetings.

People bring sandwiches if they wish, and there is tea and coffee available.

I have, of course, only referred to the type of experimental meeting of which I have experience, but I do think the other kinds of meeting E.A.W. mentions are well worth consideration.

Yours sincerely,

JOAN DENLY

Westminster

THE LOG

Dear Editor,

At our District Team Meeting on February 24th, THE LOG was discussed, and I was asked to make the following suggestions to you:—

1. That there should be regular or frequent biographical paragraphs regarding members of the Staff, the Central Executive, and other prominent personalities.
2. There should be an article on 'A Typical Week in the Life of a Regional Secretary', or something similar.
3. Dates and places of forthcoming regional events should be given, as in the 'Toc H Journal'.
4. Lists of towns where there are Branches of Toc H W.A. should be given in each issue, perhaps on the inside covers.

We should also like to see all articles signed by the writers with their full name and not by initials only.

We hope you will find these suggestions helpful, and wish you all success in your good work.

Yours sincerely,

MAUDE F. ENDACOTT

West London District.

ANNUAL REPORT

1953

FOREWORD

1953 will long be remembered by everyone as the year of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. The splendour of the occasion, with its deep significance, shed a radiance over the whole year, and even the everyday life of our Movement seemed to catch something of the grandeur, as its purpose and meaning inspired our tasks and linked them up with the common purpose and ideals so dear to the heart of our Royal Family.

While there have been no outstanding events during the year, the scope of voluntary service undertaken by the Branches, often unique, though unpublished, increases annually. With regard to policy as a whole, we are still feeling our way towards the fulfilment of our two-fold obligation, i.e., of interpreting Toc H so that it meets the demands of the present, while at the same time transmitting what is vital in our past history and experience. This two-fold obligation presents us with an urgent problem, for no one denies that the world is desperately in need of the spirit of Christian love and fellowship which brought Toc H into being and which the Movement exists to create and foster. Perhaps we need to become more acutely aware of the urgency of our contemporary situation and of the immense potency of the forces arrayed against us. Does the Movement not need to widen and deepen its vision, and to see local concerns (which are a primary importance) in the light of the problems of humanity as a whole? Such insights would undoubtedly quicken the pulse of our Movement, awakening desire and creating energy, by which the Light of God's love can be brought to bear upon the dark corners of every community.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL, 21st/22nd March, 1953

The fact that the Central Council has outgrown the lovely Board Room of the Swedish Chamber of Commerce has caused us real sorrow. For ten years we have enjoyed its dignity and comfort and had come to feel that it was our home. Increasing numbers, however, necessitated a move and we were fortunate in securing, through the kindness of the Principal, the Assembly Hall of the Sir John Cass College in Jewry Street. This hall, with its larger seating capacity and better catering facilities, is admirably suited to our purpose.

At the Council meeting five resolutions had been accepted for discussion, but of these, only one, making slight alterations in bye-laws IV(a) and IV(b) was carried.

Following a resolution passed in 1952, the Central Executive put forward three alternative forms for the Initiation Ceremony. The Council, however, agreeing that 'the old is better' decided after all to make no change.

After the business, came addresses and Discussions on (a) Juvenile Delinquency, and (b) Christian Witness and Evangelism. Mrs. Sawbridge, a member of the Central Executive Committee, introduced the subject of Juvenile Delinquency which prepared the way for Mr. Morley Jacob, J.P. (General Secretary of the London Police Court Mission). No one could have put the concerns of youth more convincingly, and we were indeed grateful for his illuminating address.

The subject of Christian Witness and the relation of Toc H members to the Churches was put forward in a challenging address by Mrs. Savage, in which she proposed that the Council should adopt the following motion: 'That this Council, believing the most vital task of the Toc H Movement is that of Christian Witness and Evangelism, urges the Branches of the Women's Association—

- (a) to encourage all members to commit themselves to a life of active disciplined membership in the Church of their own denomination, and
- (b) to make continuous efforts by means of its service study and fellowship to recruit among the majority of people who are not practising Christians.'

This motion was accepted and the Council agreed that a copy of the resolution be sent to all Branches for discussion and action.

Although the greater part of the Sunday is spent in Council, the delegates much look forward to the corporate worship at All Hallows. Padre John Durham preached an inspiring sermon on Christian love. Both the sermon and leading speeches at the Council have been printed in *The Log*.

ADMINISTRATION

The Central Executive Committee has met seven times during the year under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Palmer. The plan for each member of the Committee to adopt and read the minutes of an Area has been carried out, and most members have been able to visit their particular Area at least once in the past year.

A conference for the Central Executive Committee and the Staff was held at Passfield Hall, the residential hostel of the London School of Economics, from Friday afternoon, 25th September, to Sunday afternoon, 27th September. An invitation was extended to members of sub-committees and 40 people attended, the majority staying for the full weekend.

The Conference heard reports on specially selected subjects from members of the Staff, discussed Church Membership and

Expansion, Free Membership, General Membership, Publicity Staff, etc., etc.

Two sessions were given to an extremely interesting talk by Canon E. S. Abbott, Dean of King's College, London, on 'The Church and the Churches'.

The Central Executive Committee appointed a Policy and Planning Committee which is to meet not less than four times a year and whose duties are: 'to advise the Central Executive Committee on matters of policy and planning and to implement such plans as the Central Executive Committee shall from time to time direct.' With the setting up of this Committee the work of the smaller Standing Committee is now almost entirely devoted to Staff matters.

The syllabus of study on the Christian Family was prepared and printed in time to be on sale at the Central Council. The response from Branches was slow to begin with but many took it up later in the year, and reports show that much discussion has taken place and a good many hours spent on it.

The Central Executive Committee is represented on the following National Organisations:—

British Council for Aid to Refugees	(Miss P. Wolfe)
British Empire Leprosy Relief Association	(Mrs. Twinch)
British National Committee on Social Work	(Mrs. Worth)
British National Committee of the World Assembly of Youth	(Miss S. Parker)
National Council of Social Service	(Mrs. Twinch)
National Association of Mixed Clubs and Girls' Clubs	(Miss M. Morgan)
National Old People's Welfare Committee	(Miss E. Perrin)
Standing Conference of National Voluntary Youth Organisations	(Miss M. Morgan)
Women's Group on Public Welfare	(Miss P. Wolfe)
Women's Voluntary Services Advisory Council	(Mrs. Twinch)

BRANCHES AND MEMBERSHIP IN UNITED KINGDOM

The following figures, made up to the end of July, 1953, are approximate:—

	1951-52	1952-53
Number of Branches	486	504
Number of Members	7,977	8,285
Number of Branches Recognised	23	39
Number of Branches closed	22	21
Number of Builders	429	522

Although our nett gain is only 308, yet 944 new members have been enrolled during the year under review. That expansion is going forward is seen in the fact that 39 new Branches have been recognised. Twenty-five probationary Branches were awaiting

recognition at the end of the year. The increase in the number of Builders is greater than in any previous year, and we hope that members will continue their efforts to recruit these friends of the Movement.

The Central Executive Committee is indeed grateful to all members of Area Councils and District Teams for their faithful work throughout the year.

STAFF

Our warmest thanks are due to the Staff who have, during the past year, given their services unsparingly. Early in the year we welcomed Miss Frances Beeton, who is now in charge of Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Northern Area of England. In September, Miss Elsa Perrin took over the London and Home Counties Region, while Mrs. Worth (well known as a former Assistant General Secretary) joined the Staff as part-time Overseas Secretary. Another new-comer, Miss Celia Powell, is at present serving a probationary period, after which it is hoped to appoint her as the first 'travelling secretary', whose special concern will be with young people and the training of leaders. Miss Phyllis Wolfe, after serving 15 years in London, has given three months' help in the North-West Region and is now taking a refresher course at Woodbrooke, one of the Selly Oak Colleges.

We are exceedingly sorry to report the resignation of Miss Mary Norton, who has for some years worked in an honorary capacity in Yorkshire. Home-ties now claim her, and we can only accept her resignation with real regret and deep gratitude for all that she has done for the Movement.

At Headquarters, Miss Ursula Grundy resigned her post as Assistant General Secretary, which she had held for nearly two years. We parted from her with real regret, and greatly appreciate the help and experience which she brought to the work. On the clerical staff we lost Mrs. Jean Howarth, whose place has been taken by Miss Ann Bennett.

Beginning in January, 1954, the Social Workers' Pension Fund is to be adopted as the Superannuation Scheme for members of the Staff. The present members of the Staff have been given the option of joining the scheme or of remaining subject to the existing Staff benefit arrangements. Only the Social Workers' Pension Fund will be available to members of staff joining after January, 1954.

To our *voluntary helpers* we again express our sincere thanks for their generous help, especially to Miss Wolseley and Mrs. Quennell. To Mrs. Tett and Miss Paynter, who help Miss Wolseley despatch *The Log*, and to all others who generously come to the rescue when needed, we extend our warmest thanks.

The Staff Conference was held in April, at The Hayes.

Swanwick, at the same time as the Toc H Staff Conference, and we were able to share the sessions taken each morning by Dr. George MacLeod. These sessions, on the Incarnation, were of great interest and aroused much discussion. Another joint session was spent in hearing from the Rev. Michael Brooke of the work being done in industry by the Church in Sheffield. Our own Staff had a speaker from the Marriage Guidance Council, and also spent some time on discussions on 'Forward Planning' for the Movement.

CRUTCHED FRIARS HOUSE

The House has been used throughout the year by Branches, District Teams and other Toc H Groups. The Crutched Friars Bible Study Group has met regularly both for study as well as for two Quiet Days. We miss Miss Mary Rushworth, who for so many years has acted as leader in house activities, but are glad to have Miss Dorothy Collett in her room.

THE LUNCH CLUB has had a most successful year and has been very busy. Numbers usually fall off during the summer months, but this has not been the case this year. Miss Adams, who continues to be responsible for the management of the Club, and her staff, are to be congratulated on the high standards which they maintain. We are very much indebted to the voluntary helpers who, week in, week out, wait at table and help in the cash desk, and whose willing service is so much appreciated.

POPERINGHE

Visitors to Talbot House increased during 1953, quite a few combining a visit to Poperinghe with a holiday on the Continent. In June, members from several countries attended an International Conference and a Women's Association Pilgrimage was organised during July, arrangements being made for some of the members to stay in Belgium for a week, spending part of the time in Brussels, where they were ably cared for by Brussels Branch. The remainder of the party stayed in Bruges.

THE LOG AND PUBLICATIONS

The circulation of *The Log* has remained fairly steady during the year at about 5,000 copies each issue. We pay a hearty tribute to our honorary Editor, Miss Dorothy Lemon, for the splendid way in which she has carried out her exacting duties and for keeping up the high standard of our journal. In September *The Log* was 're-dressed' in a new cover carrying a delightful picture of Crutched Friars House.

New and revised publications during the year have been as follows:—

NEW:

Syllabus on The Christian Family.
Forms for Branch Annual Accounts
Hints for Branch Secretaries and Reminders
for Treasurers.
Three-fold Free Leaflet.
Christmas Card.

REVISED AND BROUGHT UP TO DATE:

The Constitution.
The Padre.
Pilots.
Leadership.

OVERSEAS

105 Branches. 10 General Branches. 1,494 Members.

Headquarters. The Overseas Secretaryship has changed during the year, Mrs. Worth taking over in August, from Miss Elsa Perrin, now London Regional Secretary. The work with other Societies continues usefully, the Movement being represented on the British National Committees of the International Conference of Social Work and the World Assembly of Youth, also on the Society for the Overseas Settlement of British Women and the British Council for Aid to Refugees. Close co-operation is maintained with the British Council Colonial Student Welfare Department.

It has been possible to visit a large number of home branches to speak about Toc H work overseas, and an increasing number of branches all over the world are in touch with others in different countries and are exchanging information.

Miss Macfie's Tour has been followed with the greatest interest at home, as overseas, and she has been warmly welcomed by branches in New Zealand, Australia, Southern Africa, Kenya, Uganda and Malta, who have been much helped by her visits.

Visitors. Some sixty overseas members have been welcomed during the year; most of whom were present at the Toc H Festival Service in Westminster Abbey. Twenty of them enjoyed a delightful day at St. Albans, in June, by kind invitation of the Branch there. Members have attended other Toc H functions and Branch meetings to which some of them have given talks about Toc H in their own countries. An overseas Party was held at Crutched Friars in July for about sixty members, and smaller parties have been arranged, including the Ceremony of the Keys at the Tower of London, on several occasions.

Lone Branches.—*Brussels* Branch took part in the International Conference week-end at Poperinghe, and also kindly enter

tained members who spent a week in Belgium, following the Pilgrimage in July. *Nairobi* and *Kampala* have both been included on Miss Macfie's route, and members from *Hong Kong* and *Kowloon* have been on leave during the year, bringing news from those Branches. The closing of Talbot House, *Malta*, has seriously affected the Branch, together with the return home of six members, but it is hoped that although few in number, the Branch will carry on. Contact has been kept with lone members in *America, Singapore, Egypt, Denmark, Newfoundland* and *Brazil*, and with those working at Leper Settlements in Africa.

In *Australia* one branch has closed, but a new one is in being at Moonah, Tasmania. Social Service goes on steadily. It is hoped that work with New Australians will increase and that Miss Macfie's challenge for extension and a greatly increased membership will be met.

New Zealand has new branches at Takapuna (Auckland) and Waimate, and there are plans for further extension. Several Training Week-ends have been held and much enjoyed.

Southern Africa has established a new Area Council in the Orange Free State. Three new branches in that Area are Noordhoek and Wilgehof (in Bloemfontein), and Welkom, on the gold-fields. Other new branches include Walmer (Port Elizabeth), Coronation (Durban), Dundee, Fanona (Bulawayo), Vereeniging and Krugersdorp (both in the Transvaal), and Montagu, in Rhodesia. Work for the Westfort Leper Settlement and for the Toch T.B. Settlement at Botha's Hill, continues steadily throughout all the Branches, and many reports have come in of work among coloured people in a variety of ways. The efforts of the Movement to get the Government to establish a State Retreat for inebriate women have at last been successful, and it is hoped that one will shortly be opened. Miss E. A. Reynolds has received a Bursary for nursing training under the Post War Scheme and is training in England at the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital for Crippled Children, Stanmore, Middlesex.

Canada. Our three branches in the Eastern Province carry on and the administration of the Area has been reduced to a minimum, while in the West, Vancouver and Chilliwack continue their work, but lack new members.

Little news has been received direct from *South America*, but the six Argentine Branches continue strong, and in Chile, Santiago and Valparaiso send good accounts of their work, as does Montevideo in Uruguay.

B.A.O.R. One new Club has been opened during the year at Verden, so that Toc H is running six Clubs in Germany. The Clubs are much used and greatly appreciated.

Commonwealth Students and Nurses. Work in this field is attracting more and more interest, and Branches are keen to make friends and invite the students to their homes and to help them in any way possible. It is hoped that local initiative will increase so that Branches get good liaison with hospitals, clubs or hostels, who will ask for help for students as it is required. Work through Headquarters is carried out in co-operation with the many other organisations concerned so that a minimum of overlapping is aimed at. The importance of friendship with members of other countries within the Commonwealth, a sharing of ideas and experience and an understanding of their problems and ours, cannot be too highly stressed. It is felt that there is a unique opportunity through this work for Toc H to take a leading part in the better relations so much desired throughout the British Commonwealth.

CONCLUSION

And so we take leave of 1953 and look forward to growth and development in 1954. Early in the year we hope to welcome the Founder Pilot back from her travels. It may well be that she will return with fresh ideas and new experiences gained from Toc H Overseas with which to encourage us all to new adventure.

THE ACCOUNTS

At the end of the financial year, 31st December, 1953, the Accounts showed a satisfactory position. The small balance of £260 on the Income and Expenditure Account is due to the fact that £600 was transferred from the Staff Expansion Fund into income to help meet the cost of two more members of staff. The two main items of expenditure, salaries and travelling, amounting to £6,485, cover nine members of the Regional Staff (one part-time) and six members at Headquarters (two part-time).

Compared with the previous twelve months, both the Annual Contributions and the Special Efforts, show a decrease, probably due to the fact that money was diverted to Flood Relief Funds and special Coronation celebrations. Towards the end of the year, money came in well from Branches who had held Special Efforts, but there were 170 Branches who made no effort at all.

The surplus on the Sale of Literature is in large measure due to the very successful sales of Christmas cards. The surplus on the Logs is mainly due to the fact that for the past two years the Builders' Logs have been paid for out of the Builders' subscriptions. The new cover of *The Log* is less expensive than the old cover, and this also helps the position.

Builders' subscriptions earmarked for Toc H Women's Association and paid direct to Toc H Incorporated, amounted to £297 17s. 3d., including tax, recoverable under deed of covenant.

Crutched Friars House. The upkeep and running of the House exceeds the normal income and it is only by donations that the accounts are able to show a small balance and to place a sum on reserve for repairs.

Crutched Friars Lunch Club. This year has proved to be the most successful in the history of the Lunch Club and has enabled it to make a substantial donation to the House as well as adding to the reserve for repairs.

The Central Finance Committee is most grateful to the Honorary Auditor, Miss M. M. Edwards, for all the time and hard work she gives to auditing the Accounts.

HELEN PALMER, *Chairman.*

AGNETA HORNE, *Hon. Treasurer.*

JANE TWINCH, *General Secretary.*



957	10	5
1.078	1	6

Less Payment made during

Less Payment made during period	979 11 0 27 5 6	952 5 6
Staff Expansion Fund		
Balance 1st January, 1953 ...	3,200 0 0	
Less Transferred to Income and Expenditure Account ...	600 0 0	2,600 0 0
Sundry Creditors		32 17 0
	<u>£10,881 10 5</u>	

Cash at Bank and in Hand—		
Current Account ...	1,135 4 8	
Deposit Account ...	599 12 10	
Festival Account ...	143 13 6	
Bursary Account ...	452 6 8	
Petty Cash	5 0 0	
	<u>2,335 17 8</u>	
	<u>£10,881 10 5</u>	

I hereby certify that the above Balance Sheet is correctly prepared according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me and as shown by the books of account.

44 Cornelia Crescent,
Bournemouth West.
21st January, 1954.

M. M. EDWARDS,
Certified Accountant.

TOC H WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1953

15 months		£		s.	d.	£		s.	d.	£		s.	d.
15 months	£	£		s.	d.	15 months	£	£		s.	d.	15 months	£
To Salaries	5,481	5,270	10	0	0	By Members' Subs.	1,160	1,158	0	9	0	7,103	14
" Travelling	1,420	1,214	14	9	0	" Annual Contributions	3,591	2,919	9	8	0	43	0
" Staff Training	20	58	10	4	0	" Special Effort	4,392	2,854	9	9	0	36	7
" Depreciation of Motor Car	29	17	11	0	0	" Self Denial	90	64	16	1	0	—	—
" Rent and Insurance	255	234	7	6	0	" Birthday Scheme	101	106	18	7	0	65	17
" Heating	11	10	12	11	0	" Builders' Subscription	9,334	...	...	...	...	80	7
" Postage & Telephone	372	346	9	11	0	" Donations	60	...	...	...	...	17	6
" Printing & Stationery	135	233	3	0	0	" Legacies	64	...	...	...	...	260	10
" Repairs & Renewals	1	11	0	0	0	" Surplus on Sale of Literature	33	...	...	...	...	49	3
" Office Expenses	81	47	14	9	0	" Surplus on Sale of Logs	59	...	...	...	...	26	14
" Depreciation of Office Furniture	27	25	1	9	0	" Surplus on Sale of Badges	10	...	...	...	...	339	12
Central Executive		7,459	6	11	0	" Surplus on Sale of Maps	24	...	...	...	...	2	2
Fares	185	155	14	10	0	" Lamp Fees	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Annual Report	26	37	2	6	0	" Investment Interest	256	...	...	...	...	...	...
Publicity	22	44	19	4	0	" Interest on Bank Deposit	74	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cost of Lamps	—	327	6	8	0	" Allocation receivable from Toc H	6	...	...	...	...	...	...
Staff Expansion	3,000	—	—	—	—	" Excess of Expenditure over Income c/down	1,500	...	...	...	...	...	...
Reserve	—	—	—	—	—								
Balance being Excess of Income over Expenditure for year	—	—	—	—	—								
For 15 months	356	—	—	—	—								
£11,421	£11,421	£8,024	10	3	0								
Excess of Expenditure over Income b/down	—	339	12	2	0								
Balance to Capital A/c	—	260	7	10	0								
		£8,024	10	3	0								

Transfer from Staff Fund

Expansion

£8,024 10 3

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1953

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER, 1953

15 months		15 months		15 months	
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
402	To Rates and Insurance	...	...	...	...
1	" Rent	...	...	...	...
223	" Lighting and Heating	...	...	...	...
264	" Wages	...	...	...	...
326	" Repairs and Renewals	...	...	...	...
—	" Repair Reserve	...	...	...	...
38	" Cleaning	...	...	...	...
30	" Sundry Expenses	...	...	...	...
9	" Depreciation on Furniture	...	...	...	...
50	" Balance being Excess of Income over Expenditure for year	...	...	...	...
£1,343			£1,343		
			£1,260	4	8
			£1,260	4	8

LOCAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

TOC H WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION LUNCH CLUB ACCOUNT

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1953

	<div style="text-align:center;">LIABILITIES</div>						<div style="text-align:center;">ASSETS</div>					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	Furniture and Equipment At Valuation 1st January, 1953 Add additions during period	£	s.	d.	Less Depreciation for year ... Cash at Bank Current Account Deposit Account	£ s. d. 743 9 0 724 17 4 £1,468 6 4
Capital Account												
Balance 1st January, 1953 ...	948	10	7					771	8	11		
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for one year ...	19	15	9					54	19	8		
				968	6	4						
Repair Reserve								826	8	7		
Balance 1st January, 1953 ...	200	0	0					82	19	7		
Add Reserve for year, trans- ferred from Income and Expenditure Account ...	100	0	0									
Sundry Creditors				300	0	0		615	4	10		
				200	0	0		109	12	6		
				£1,468	6	4						

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1952

15 months		15 months		£		s.		d.	
£	To	Provisions	Wages	Repairs and Renewals	Repair Reserve	Laundry	Rent and Insurance	Gas	Sundries
4,374	To	Provisions	Wages	Repairs and Renewals	Repair Reserve	Laundry	Rent and Insurance	Gas	Sundries
1,776	"	Wages	Repairs and Renewals	Repair Reserve	Laundry	Rent and Insurance	Gas	Sundries	Gifts
314	"	Repairs and Renewals	Repair Reserve	Laundry	Rent and Insurance	Gas	Sundries	Gifts	Uniform Allowance
100	"	Repair Reserve	Laundry	Rent and Insurance	Gas	Sundries	Gifts	Uniform Allowance	Donation to Crutched Friars House
37	"	Laundry	Rent and Insurance	Gas	Sundries	Gifts	Uniform Allowance	Donation to Crutched Friars House	Depreciation on Furniture
213	"	Rent and Insurance	Gas	Sundries	Gifts	Uniform Allowance	Donation to Crutched Friars House	Depreciation on Furniture	Stationery
109	"	Gas	Sundries	Gifts	Uniform Allowance	Donation to Crutched Friars House	Depreciation on Furniture	Stationery	Excess income over Expenditure
10	"	Sundries	Gifts	Uniform Allowance	Donation to Crutched Friars House	Depreciation on Furniture	Stationery	Excess income over Expenditure	for year
1	"	Gifts	Uniform Allowance	Donation to Crutched Friars House	Depreciation on Furniture	Stationery	Excess income over Expenditure	for year	
25	"	Uniform Allowance	Donation to Crutched Friars House	Depreciation on Furniture	Stationery	Excess income over Expenditure	for year		
289	"	Donation to Crutched Friars House	Depreciation on Furniture	Stationery	Excess income over Expenditure	for year			
110	"	Depreciation on Furniture	Stationery	Excess income over Expenditure	for year				
37	"	Stationery	Excess income over Expenditure	for year					
		Excess income over Expenditure	for year						

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